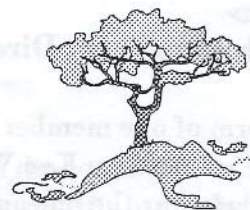




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Attend the Annual Meeting: August 6th at 9:00



The next Annual Meeting of the Surf Pines Association, as announced by Don Kruger, President, is scheduled for Saturday, August 6, 2005, at 9:00 a.m. at the Astoria Golf and Country Club. Mark your calendar.

During the meeting, members will elect one director, consider adoption of a budget for fiscal year 2005-2006, and transact any other business.

The Nominating Committee, chaired by Ken Weber, nominated two candidates for the one open position on the board: Don Kruger and Bob McWhirter. (See the related story on page 2.) Additional candidates may be nominated from the floor.

The Budget Committee, chaired by Tom Wilcox, Treasurer, recommended a budget that includes total income of \$148,675, total operating expenses of \$102,400, and total reserves of \$48,500. (See the related story on page 2.)

Members will receive soon the official "Notice of Annual Meeting."

Picnic in the Park: July 3rd at 4:00



by Norma Keever

The Annual Picnic in the Surf Pines Park is scheduled for Sunday, July 3, 2005, beginning at 4:00 p.m. Join long-time neighbors—and meet new neighbors—at the picnic.

The Community Relations Committee will provide hamburgers, hotdogs, buns, and condiments, plus soft drinks and water. Attendees are asked to provide side dishes, such as baked beans, corn on the cob, casseroles, salads, chips and dips, and desserts. (Attendees who prefer steak, chicken, and vegetarian alternatives are asked to provide their own, as are attendees who prefer alcoholic drinks.)

Last summer, 85 picnickers enjoyed good food and good company in the park. Join us this summer.

Editors' note: Norma Keever chairs the Community Relations Committee.



Members to Elect Director at Annual Meeting

The term of one member of the Board of Directors, Don Kruger, ends in August. The Nominating Committee, chaired by Ken Weber and including Doug Barker and Mary Remensnyder, nominated two candidates for the one open position on the board: Don Kruger and Bob McWhirter.

Members will elect one candidate at the Annual Meeting.

Don Kruger's experience includes membership on the Board of Directors since 2002. He is the current board president and a past chairperson of the Roads and Grounds Committee and the Gatehouse Committee. Don's education includes a B.S. in Business Administration from Portland State University. When asked for a personal statement of how he hopes to contribute to Surf Pines by serving on the board, Don answered that he will use his management skills and practical experience to provide a common sense approach to the administration and management of the Surf Pines Association.

Bob McWhirter's experience includes current membership on the Roads and Grounds Committee. He is a past member of the Water Board. With an education that includes a B.S. in Civil Engineering from Utah State University, Bob is licensed as a professional engineer in Oregon and Washington. When asked for a personal statement of how he hopes to contribute to Surf Pines by serving on the board, Bob answered that he is a practical person who tends to focus on practical matters of substance while being sensitive to social matters too.

Members to Consider Budget at Annual Meeting



The Budget Committee, chaired by Tom Wilcox, Treasurer, and including Norma Kever, Don Kruger, Kaye Lockett, Jean Parker, Dave Schiele, and Ken Weber, recommended to the Board of Directors a budget for fiscal year 2005-2006. The board, in turn, will recommend the budget to the membership at the Annual Meeting. Members will consider adoption of the budget.

The budget includes total income of \$148,675, total operating expenses of \$102,400, and total reserves of \$48,500. A revised format this year, suggested by Ken Weber, clearly shows members the operating expenses in each of the various areas of the budget, including administration (\$32,500), security (\$51,300), roads and grounds (\$15,000), and community relations (\$3,600).

Allegaert Resigns and Beck Is Elected



Burr Allegaert, a member of the Board of Directors and Chairperson of the Roads and Grounds Committee, resigned from the board, effective April 30, 2005. Burr resigned because, as he wrote of himself in his letter of resignation: "I have been active in either the Water Association or the Surf Pines Association for about 9 of the 10 years we have lived here. It's time for a rest at my advanced age!"

According to Article 7.2 of the Bylaws of the Surf Pines Association, a vacancy on the Board of Directors that results from a resignation is filled by an election of the remaining members of the board. The board unanimously elected Alan Beck, an active member of the Roads and Grounds Committee, to fill the vacancy. Al's term began on April 30, 2005, when Burr's resignation was effective, and ends in August 2007, when Burr's term was scheduled to end. When Al joined the board as a director, Don Kruger, President, promptly appointed him Chairperson of the Roads and Grounds Committee.



Quick News

Monthly Board Meetings Open to Members

The monthly meetings of the Board of Directors—open to all members of the association—are usually held on the third Monday of each month at 4:00 p.m. in the Seaside Public Library. “Comments from the Membership” is always toward the top of the agenda.

On the weekend before a meeting, the agenda is available at the gate house and on the Surf Pines Web site. Soon after a meeting, the minutes are available on the Web: www.surfpines.org

Attend to business by either attending the meetings or reading the minutes.

Standing Committees Welcome Volunteers

To volunteer to work on a standing committee—either Security, Roads and Grounds, or Community Relations—contact the committee chairperson. (For telephone numbers, addresses, and e-mail addresses, see page 8.)

Best Time to Contact Security

The best time for you to contact Lynn Meyrick, Security, about routine business is during office hours: Thursday through Monday from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. During office hours, Lynn and Pam Meyrick are available in person at the security house and also by telephone at (503) 738-0637.

Burning Prohibited during Fire Season

As the *Breeze* went to press, a spokesperson for the Oregon Department of Forestry estimated that fire season will begin officially in Clatsop County on July 1, 2005. During fire season, burning is prohibited.

Fireworks Prohibited

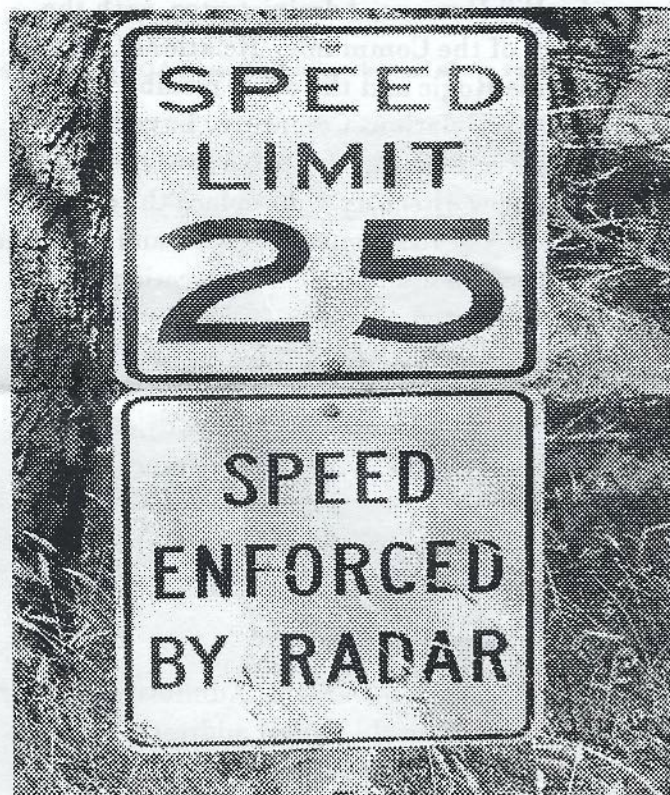
The association’s policy regarding fireworks is stated in the *Owners’ Information Guide*: “The display or use of fireworks of any kind, including firecrackers, is not permitted in Surf Pines at any time, except on the public beach, where state laws are strictly enforced.”

Speed Enforced by Radar

The posted speed limit on the roads of Surf Pines is 25 miles per hour. Deputy sheriffs use radar to check speed. If drivers exceed the posted speed limit, then assessments may be levied against the drivers according to this schedule of fees currently in use by Oregon courts:

MPH in Excess of Posted Speed	Assessment
1-10	\$94
11-20	\$141
21-30	\$237
Over 30	\$421

Show these assessments to all of the drivers in your family—and tell them who will pay any assessments.





Quick News (Continued)

Shop Surf Pines

Shop 'til you drop during the Annual Surf Pines Garage Sale on Saturday, July 2, 2005, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Katie Weber, the member of the Community Relations Committee who manages the event, reports that at least 11 garages all over Surf Pines will be open for business.

Dues Are Due

Bill Barrons, Administrator, reminds that dues, which are billed in arrears, are due by the end of the month in which you receive a statement and are delinquent thereafter. For example, a statement dated July 1, 2005, which is for dues during April, May and June, is due by July 31 and is delinquent thereafter.

New Directory to Be Published

A new directory of residents is to be published soon by Bill Barrons, Administrator, with the assistance of the Community Relations Committee. Bonnie Rogie and the other members of the Community Relations Committee have been instrumental in creating this attractive new directory. The new directory will replace the old yellow *Directory of Residents 2004-2005* and all of the yellow sheets of additions and corrections that have accumulated.

New Handbook to Be Published

A new handbook is to be published by Bill Barrons, Administrator, with the assistance of the Community Relations Committee. The new handbook will replace the old blue *Owners' Information Guide*, circa 2001.

Five-Digit Addresses Preferred

Remember that Bill Barrons, Administrator, suggests replacing the old 4-digit addresses (such as 2nnn) on homes and mailboxes with the new 5-digit addresses (such as 8nnnn). The old addresses can confuse visitors, drivers of delivery vehicles, and drivers of emergency vehicles.

In Deep Dog Doo-doo

Members (including dog owners) ask that dog owners bag their dogs' doo-doo instead of littering the park, the paths to the beach, and the roadsides with it. Bagging it, they suggest, is the neighborly thing to do with dog doo-doo. And more and more neighborly dog owners, members note, have a leash in one hand and a plastic bag in the other hand.

Use of Park Encouraged

The Park Subcommittee recommended and the Board of Directors approved this policy for use of the park:

- Groups may use the park for picnics, weddings, receptions, and other gatherings, provided that at least one member of the group is also a member of the Surf Pines Association.
- The member of the association is responsible for scheduling the use of the park with Bill Barrons, Administrator, with the scheduling available on a first-come, first-served basis.
- The member of the association is responsible for cleanup of the park after the gathering.
- The park may not be used for religious, political, or other types of rallies.
- The park is not available for exclusive use.

As Ken Weber, Chairperson of the Park Subcommittee, said, "We want the park to be used."

**Picnic
in the Park
Sun. July 3rd
Hot dogs, Burgers
BE THERE!
4:00 PM
Bring a dish
to Share**



Tuesday, June 14, 2005: Surf Pines' Lucky Day

by Patrick Kelley with photo by Roger Masse

The earthquake occurred on Tuesday, June 14, 2005, at 7:50 p.m. It occurred at sea, 98 miles west by southwest of Crescent City, California, a small coastal town near the Oregon state line, where, in 1964, eleven people died in a tsunami.

At a magnitude of 7.2, this powerful earthquake might have generated a powerful tsunami. But Surf Pines was lucky. The ocean floor experienced *horizontal* movement during the quake instead of the *vertical* movement that generates a tsunami.

Tuesday, the day of the earthquake, is a day off for Lynn Meyrick, Surf Pines' Security Manager. But Surf Pines was lucky again. On this Tuesday, Lynn and his wife Pam were at home in the gatehouse.

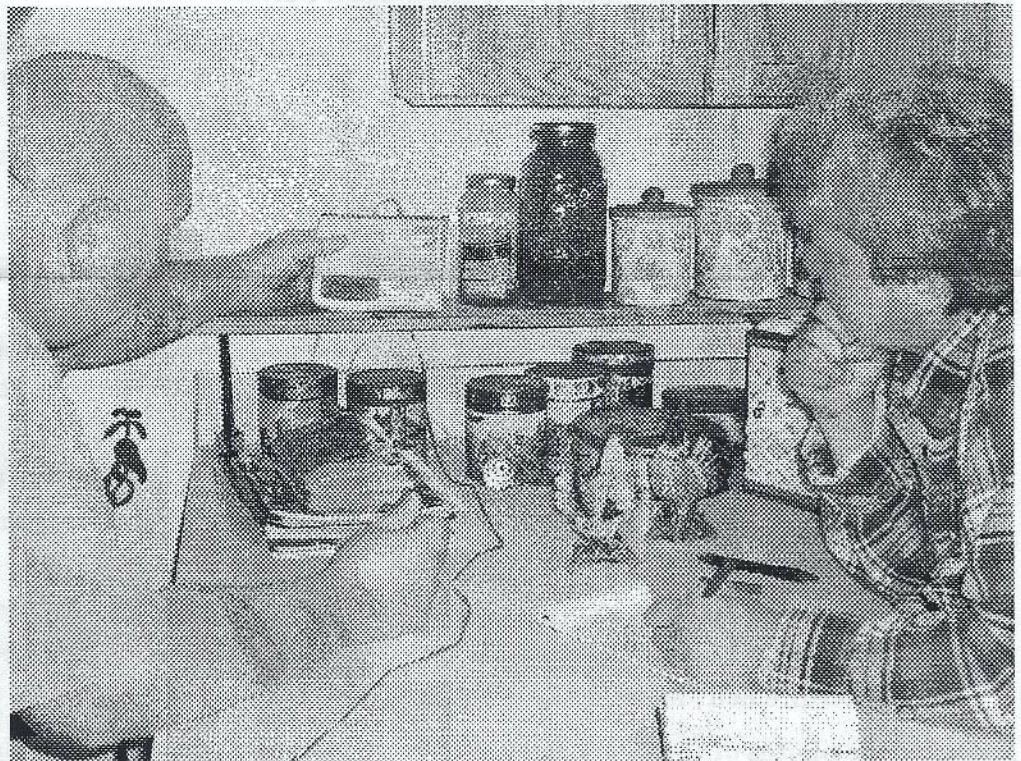
Soon after the earthquake, the NOAA* weather radio in the gatehouse sounded the alarm and broadcast a tsunami watch and warning for the coast.

Security went into action. With Lynn working the telephone and Pam working the cell phone, they called the members of the Board of Directors and other residents, calling not only with the news of the watch and warning, but also with the request that these residents call other residents in an informal telephone tree.

Then, while Pam continued to call residents, focusing on residents on the low road, Ocean Drive, Lynn drove the length of low road, personally notifying as many residents as he found home. Later, from in front of the gatehouse, Pam tried to flag down other residents as they drove into Surf Pines to notify them of the watch and warning and advise them not to drive to Ocean Drive.

Lynn and Pam Meyrick listen to a NOAA weather radio when an alarm sounds.

Noting that they did not take time to keep a careful record then, Lynn and Pam estimate now that they made approximately 50 telephone calls before the tsunami watch and warning were cancelled at approximately 9:10 p.m. And though a discouraging number of their telephone calls were answered only by answering machines and though the response to a few of their calls and personal contacts was a discouraging complacency, Lynn and Pam were encouraged by the number of residents who followed the basic procedure for responding to a tsunami watch and warning in Surf Pines: *move to higher ground and stay there.*





Surf Pines' Lucky Day (continued)

Reflecting on their experience almost a week later, Lynn and Pam offered these recommendations to prepare for the day when Surf Pines isn't as lucky as it was on Tuesday, June 14, 2005:

- Encourage all residents to have in their homes a NOAA weather radio, preferably a standard model that the association provides to members who want to purchase it and supports for members.
- Prepare a formal telephone tree.
- Continue to educate residents about the procedure for responding to a tsunami.

Luckily, the Security Committee is already at work on all of these recommendations.

**NOAA* (pronounced like *Noah*) is the acronym for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. A NOAA weather radio broadcasts National Weather Service watches and warnings 24 hours per day.



To Respond to a Tsunami Warning in Surf Pines, Take these Steps

1. When you receive advance notice that a tsunami will strike the coast, get away from the beach and move to higher ground.

Or when you feel an earthquake that shakes the ground for 20 seconds, get away from the beach, without waiting for any other notice, and immediately move to higher ground.

Or if you are walking on the beach and the water recedes rapidly, run to higher ground.

In Surf Pines, the higher ground is along Manion Drive.

2. After you reach the higher ground, stay there until you receive notice that the tsunami is over.



Surf Pines Social Calendar

After the Annual Picnic in the Park on Sunday, July 3, 2005, at 4:00 p.m. the next event on the Surf Pines Social Calendar is the Annual Ice-Cream Social on August 20, 2005, at the Groshong home, 89012 Ocean Drive. If you enjoy good homemade ice-cream and good company, then watch the bulletin boards for more information about this Saturday afternoon social. (Children are welcome, of course, at an ice-cream social.)

Our previous event, the Spring Pinot Party, a wine-tasting party on April 16, 2005, at the Granziero home, was attended by 37 guests. Gracious hosts Mauro and Roxanne Granziero opened their beautifully redecorated home to their guests.

Attendees brought their favorite pinots to the party for others to sample. All seemed to enjoy sampling the wine that, as is often said, Oregon does best. Some left the party with new favorites—either a favorite noir, blanc, gris, or all three. And the food was as fine as the wine.

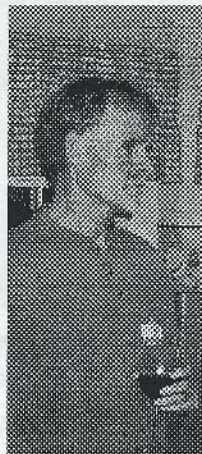
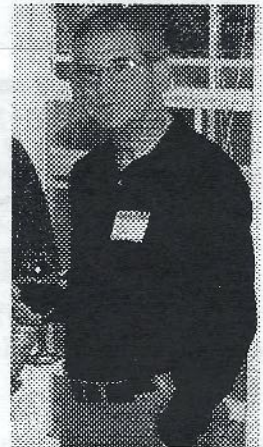
Enjoy the photos of the pinot party. For more photos of the party, see the Surf Pines Web site: surfpines.org. At the site, click **A Tour and Events**.



Pinot Party in April



Roxanne and Mauro Granziero welcome guests to their home for the Spring Pinot Party.





Letters in the Breeze

An Invitation to Hike

Dear Members,

Here in Surf Pines, we are in the middle of hikers' paradise. Wilderness areas such as Neahkahnie Mountain, Tillamook Head, Saddle Mountain and the hinterlands of Astoria are well charted with hiking trails—and they are only minutes away. If you are interested in exploring these sites with friends and neighbors, especially during the months of summer and early fall, then please leave a message for me at 738-3994.

Lu Thornton

An Invitation to Help

Dear Members,

Surf Pines has approximately 70 fire hydrants. Many of them need to be repainted. If you have a couple of hours to spare on Saturday morning, July 16, 2005, you are invited to a "hydrant painting party." I will provide the paint and the brushes. You only have to provide a willing heart and hands. Meet at my house at 89750 Sea Breeze at 9:00 a.m. Work until noon if you can. Please call me at 738-3515 to let me know that you can help.

Tom Wilcox

An Invitation to Young Members

Dear Young Members,

Do you have some extra time and energy this summer now that school is out? And are you interested in volunteering some of your time and energy to improve the Surf Pines neighborhood? If so, then we have a project where your time and energy will make a visible difference in the neighborhood: caring for the pocket park at the south end of Ocean Drive, the site of the ice-cream social. If you are interested in volunteering to work on this project with other young members for an hour every other week during the summer, then call either Norma at 738-5069 or Tracy at 738-7319.

Norma Keever and Tracy Sherrell

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